



State Revolving Fund Loan Programs

Drinking Water, Wastewater, Nonpoint Source

PRELIMINARY DECISION OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

TO ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS, ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES:

CITY OF PRINCETON
PURCHASE OFFICE FURNISHINGS/ EQUIPMENT
AND
CONSTRUCT STORAGE BUILDING
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT ADDENDUM #2
SRF PROJECT # DW 09 58 26 01

Date: November 28, 2011

Pursuant to IC 4-4-11, the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program has determined that the projects described here and in Princeton's Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #2 will have no substantial negative environmental impact. Therefore, the SRF is issuing a preliminary decision of Categorical Exclusion from the requirements of substantive environmental review.

How were environmental issues considered?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires agencies disbursing Federal funds to include environmental factors in the decision making process. A summary of the projects is attached for your review. The SRF's preliminary review has found that the proposed projects do not require the preparation of either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

Why is additional environmental review not required?

Our environmental review has concluded that significant environmental impacts will not result from the proposed action.

How do I submit comments?

Comments can be submitted to:

Mr. Max Henschen, Senior Environmental Manager
SRF Programs
317-232-8623; mhensche at ifa.in.gov

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Project Name and Address: **Purchase of Office Furnishings/Equipment, and
Storage Building Construction
Preliminary Engineering Report Addendum #2**
City of Princeton
P O Box 15
310 W. State Street
Princeton, IN 47670

SRF Project Number: DW 09 58 26 01

Authorized Representative: Honorable Robert W. Hurst, Mayor

II. PROJECT LOCATION

Princeton is located in Gibson County. The city has proposed two projects: 1) Purchase of Office Furnishings/Equipment, 2) Storage Building Construction. Both projects will take place at the recently upgraded water treatment facility in Patoka Township off Old US 41 on Bear Road, Princeton USGS quadrangle, T2S, R11W, NW ¼ SE ¼ NW ¼ Section 1. See Figure 1.

III. PROJECT NEED AND PURPOSE

Purchase of Office Furnishings /Equipment (Figure 2): The city recently remodeled the water treatment facility office and discarded some furnishings and equipment that had gone beyond their useful life and needed to be replaced. The "No Action" alternative for the office furnishing and equipment purchase was rejected by the city, since it would address the need for new furnishings and equipment.

Storage Building Construction (Figure 2): The city needs a new 30 x 30 foot storage building to protect materials and equipment from weather exposure. The city demolished the former on-site storage shed during rehabilitation of the facility. The "No Action" alternative for the new storage shed was rejected because it would not prevent weather deterioration of various water system equipment and materials.

IV. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

Selected Plan Estimated Cost Summary

<u>Construction Components</u>	<u>Costs</u>
1. Purchase of Office Furnishings/Equipment	\$9,627.99
2. Storage Building Construction	44,905.00
Total Estimated Construction Cost	\$ 54,532.99
Non-Construction Costs	<u>\$6,500.00</u>
Total Project Cost	\$61,032.99

The city will draw from the remaining loan balance of \$137,812 in SRF Loan # DW 09 58 26 01 to fund these projects.

V. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVES

The proposed storage building will be constructed on previously disturbed ground at the site of the sludge drying bed at the water treatment plant site. The project will not affect wetlands, wooded areas, streams, prime farmland or endangered species.

Construction and operation of the projects will not alter, demolish or remove historic properties. If any visual or audible impacts to historic sites occur, they will be temporary and will not alter the characteristics that qualify such properties for inclusion in or eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The SRF's finding pursuant to Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act is: "no historic properties affected."

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The projects were discussed at a public meeting on November 7, 2011.

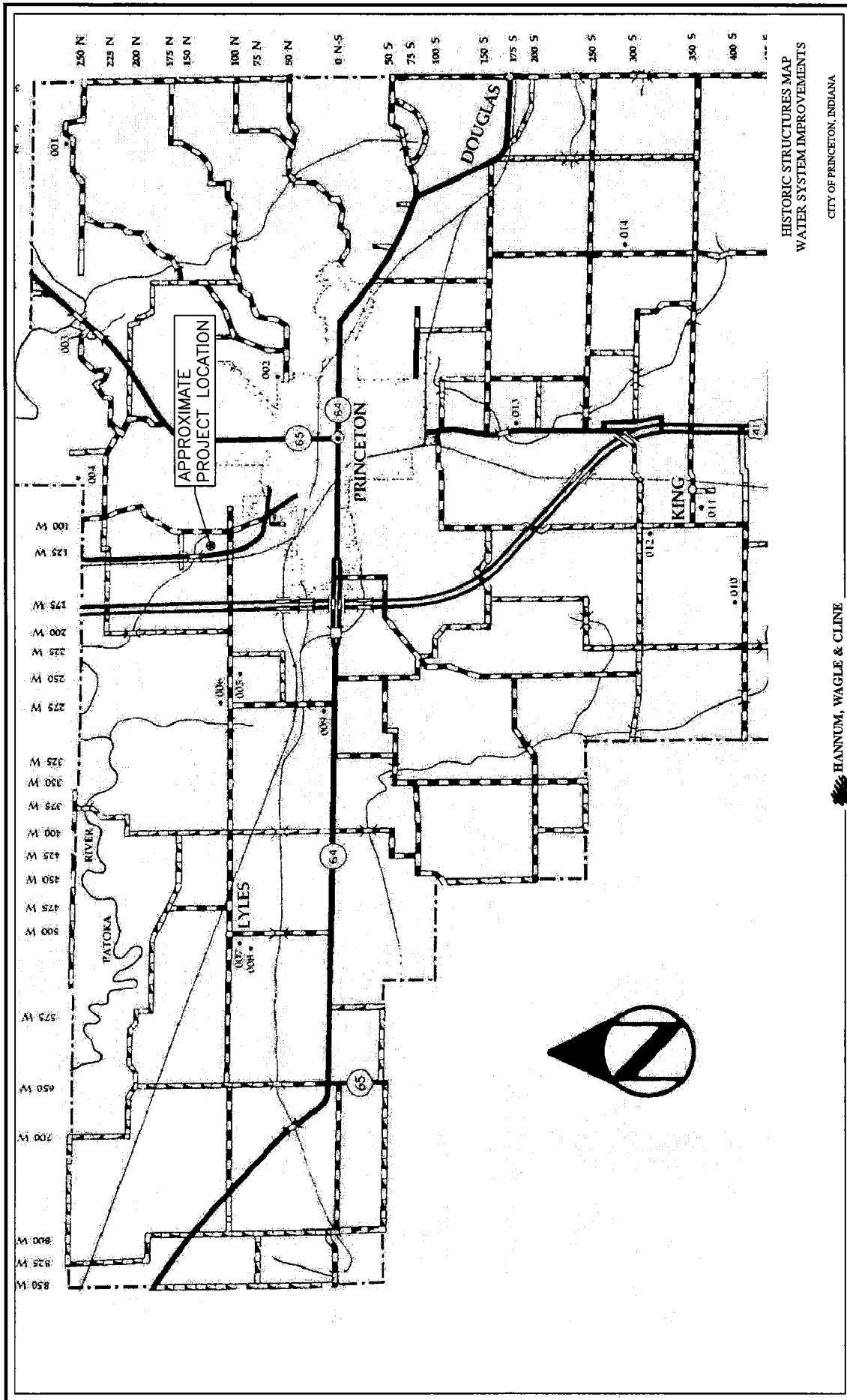
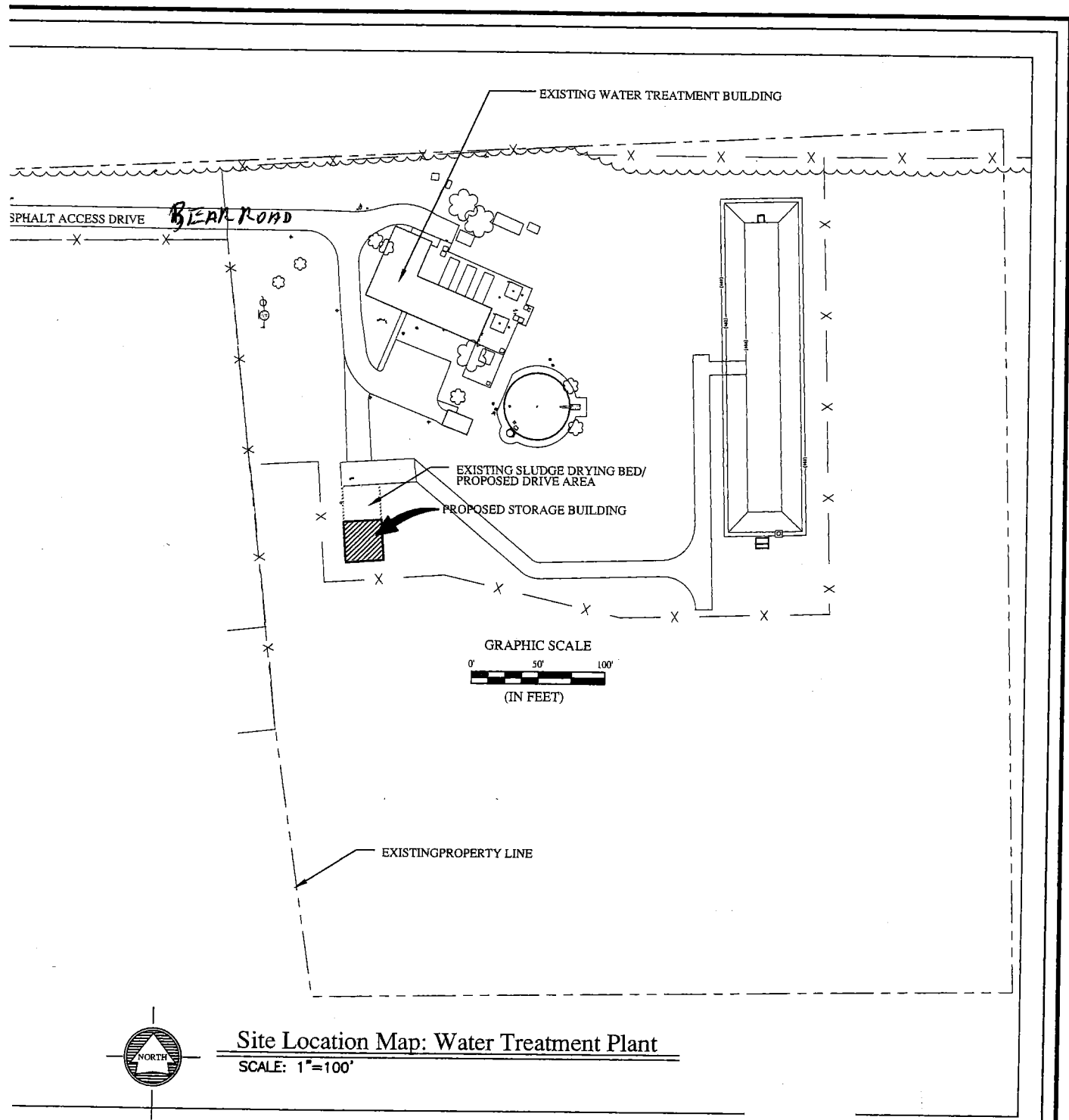


FIGURE 1: from Gibson County Interim Report
Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory



Site Location Map: Water Treatment Plant
 SCALE: 1"=100'

FIGURE 2
LOCATION MAP
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS-PER
CITY OF PRINCETON, INDIANA
PROPOSED WATER TREATMENT PLANT STORAGE BUILDING
ADDENDUM #1
AUGUST 12, 2011